

cloud **1010** (which may, for example, be the Internet, or a system of remote computers configured for cloud computing).

[0124] For example, the further apparatus **1002** may be a 3-D hover sensitive display and may detect distortions in its surrounding field caused by a proximal object, such as a user's hand making a sprinkle gesture. The measurements may be transmitted via the apparatus **1000** to a remote server **1004** for processing and the processed results, indicating an on-screen position of the hovering object, may be transmitted to the apparatus **1000** for use in applying a visual effect. As another example, the further apparatus **1002** may be a camera and may capture images of a user's hand and finger positions in front of the camera. The images may be transmitted via the apparatus **1000** to a cloud **1010** for (e.g. temporary) recordal and processing. The processed results, indicating, for example, user hand position, speed of finger motion in a rubbing movement, and/or movement of the user's hand over the surface of the display, may be transmitted back to the apparatus **1000**. In other examples the further apparatus **1002** may also be in direct communication with the remote server **1004** or cloud **1010**.

[0125] FIG. **11a** illustrates a method **1100a** according to an example of the present disclosure. The method **1100** comprises, based on a detected sprinkle gesture user input, providing signalling to apply a visual effect to displayed content on a display of an electronic device. In some examples the method may further comprise detecting the sprinkle gesture user input. FIG. **11b** illustrates a method according to an example of the present disclosure. The method **1100b** comprises, based on a detected sprinkle gesture user input, provide signalling to apply an output effect to be provided from a user interface of an electronic device.

[0126] FIG. **12** illustrates schematically a computer/processor readable medium **1200** providing a program according to an example, for example, applying a visual effect to displayed content on a display of an electronic device based on a detected sprinkle gesture user input. In this example, the computer/processor readable medium is a disc such as a Digital Versatile Disc (DVD) or a compact disc (CD). In other examples, the computer readable medium may be any medium that has been programmed in such a way as to carry out the functionality herein described. The computer program code may be distributed between the multiple memories of the same type, or multiple memories of a different type, such as ROM, RAM, flash, hard disk, solid state, etc.

[0127] Any mentioned apparatus/device/server and/or other features of particular mentioned apparatus/device/server may be provided by apparatus arranged such that they become configured to carry out the desired operations only when enabled, e.g. switched on, or the like. In such cases, they may not necessarily have the appropriate software loaded into the active memory in the non-enabled (e.g. switched off state) and only load the appropriate software in the enabled (e.g. on state). The apparatus may comprise hardware circuitry and/or firmware. The apparatus may comprise software loaded onto memory. Such software/computer programs may be recorded on the same memory/processor/functional units and/or on one or more memories/processors/functional units.

[0128] In some examples, a particular mentioned apparatus/device/server may be pre-programmed with the appropriate software to carry out desired operations, and wherein the appropriate software can be enabled for use by a user downloading a "key", for example, to unlock/enable the software

and its associated functionality. Advantages associated with such examples can include a reduced requirement to download data when further functionality is required for a device, and this can be useful in examples where a device is perceived to have sufficient capacity to store such pre-programmed software for functionality that may not be enabled by a user.

[0129] Any mentioned apparatus/circuitry/elements/processor may have other functions in addition to the mentioned functions, and that these functions may be performed by the same apparatus/circuitry/elements/processor. One or more disclosed aspects may encompass the electronic distribution of associated computer programs and computer programs (which may be source/transport encoded) recorded on an appropriate carrier (e.g. memory, signal).

[0130] Any "computer" described herein can comprise a collection of one or more individual processors/processing elements that may or may not be located on the same circuit board, or the same region/position of a circuit board or even the same device. In some examples one or more of any mentioned processors may be distributed over a plurality of devices. The same or different processor/processing elements may perform one or more functions described herein.

[0131] The term "signalling" may refer to one or more signals transmitted as a series of transmitted and/or received electrical/optical signals. The series of signals may comprise one, two, three, four or even more individual signal components or distinct signals to make up said signalling. Some or all of these individual signals may be transmitted/received by wireless or wired communication simultaneously, in sequence, and/or such that they temporally overlap one another.

[0132] With reference to any discussion of any mentioned computer and/or processor and memory (e.g. including ROM, CD-ROM etc), these may comprise a computer processor, Application Specific Integrated Circuit (ASIC), field-programmable gate array (FPGA), and/or other hardware components that have been programmed in such a way to carry out the inventive function.

[0133] The applicant hereby discloses in isolation each individual feature described herein and any combination of two or more such features, to the extent that such features or combinations are capable of being carried out based on the present specification as a whole, in the light of the common general knowledge of a person skilled in the art, irrespective of whether such features or combinations of features solve any problems disclosed herein, and without limitation to the scope of the claims. The applicant indicates that the disclosed examples may consist of any such individual feature or combination of features. In view of the foregoing description it will be evident to a person skilled in the art that various modifications may be made within the scope of the disclosure.

[0134] While there have been shown and described and pointed out fundamental novel features as applied to examples thereof, it will be understood that various omissions and substitutions and changes in the form and details of the devices and methods described may be made by those skilled in the art without departing from the scope of the disclosure. For example, it is expressly intended that all combinations of those elements and/or method steps which perform substantially the same function in substantially the same way to achieve the same results are within the scope of the disclosure. Moreover, it should be recognized that structures and/or elements and/or method steps shown and/or described in